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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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**A. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of November 1, 2006, with a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 1, 2007, Applicants present this amendment after final rejection, requesting entry of an amendment to incorporate allowable subject matter into the respective base claims, to place the claims is a condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections and reexamination of the present application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.